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Response dated October 24, 2003
Reply to final Office Action of May 22, 2003

REMARKS

A final Office Action was re-mailed May 22, 2003. This Amendment and accompanying RCE are filed within the extended due date thereof. Also filed on even date herewith are a three-month Extension of Time, a Supplemental Power of Attorney, and fee authorization. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The July 22, 2003 Response After Final provided the bona fide response to the final Office Action required by rule 111. Applicant nevertheless provides claim amendments and remarks herein.

In the final Office Action, Applicant's Claims 18 and 19 were indicated to be allowable if amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indicated allowability of these claims.

With this response, Claim 20 has been amended and new Claims 23-46 have been added. New Claims 23-46 correspond to Group II as defined in the Office Action mailed October 30, 2002. Claims 8-46 remain in the application.

The Examiner's grant of Applicant's request for an interview is appreciated. A personal interview has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on November 3, 2003.

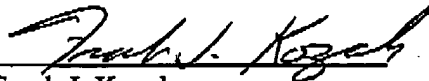
None of the art of record, including Liu et al. (US 6,400,690), discloses or suggests *wirelessly downloading navigation-related geographic data* as claimed. Further the prior art of record contains no suggestion or disclosure to wirelessly download such navigation-related geographic data *prior to traveling beyond* a wireless coverage area as also claimed.

Liu et al. discloses an on-board memory for storing two kinds of maps, (1) navigation or street maps and (2) coverage maps, according to column 4, lines 3-5. Liu et al. has a wireless capability to update only the coverage maps as in FIG. 6, but nowhere do Liu et al. disclose or suggest it would be desirable to wirelessly update their navigation or street maps. Liu et al. does not update their navigation or street maps because Liu et al. keep their navigation and street maps in on-board memory such as on a CD or DVD. The embodiments described by the present claims have the advantage of

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wirelessly downloadable navigation-related geographic data so that navigation is achieved with up-to-date data from a central navigation-related database. In Liu et al., only their coverage maps are kept up-to-date wirelessly. For instance, the embodiments described by the present claims allow up-to-date road data and real-time traffic information to be downloaded prior to travel beyond a wireless coverage area.

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